

TO: ALL LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL PERSONNEL

FROM: GUY F. DELIUS, BRANCH MANAGER/FOOD SAFETY BRANCH

SUBJECT: **HARPERS SLICED HAM RECALL/FSIS**

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2000

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND SURVEILLANCE DURING ROUTINE INSPECTIONS.

ALL PRODUCTS BEING RECALLED BEAR THE ESTABLISHMENT NUMBER "EST. 2040" INSIDE THE USDA MARK OF INSPECTION AND BEAR A PRODUCTION DATE CODE OF 0346 ON THE LABEL. PRODUCT WAS PRODUCED ON DECEMBER 11, 2000. A POSITIVE FSIS MICROBIOLOGICAL MONITORING SAMPLE TESTED POSITIVE FOR LISTERIA. RETAIL AND MAIL ORDER PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO RECALL INCLUDE:

HARPERS HAMTASTIC CENTER SLICES COUNTRY HAM IN 14 OZ. PACKAGES

" " FAMILY PACK SLICED COUNTRY HAM IN 24 OZ.

" " SLICED VALUE PACK COUNTRY HAM IN 20 OZ.

" " COUNTRY HAM BONELESS SLICES IN 12 OZ.

WERTZ'S COUNTRY STORE COUNTRY HAM CENTER SLICES IN 28 OZ. AND 14 OZ.

LOVELESS SLOW CURED HICKORY SMOKED COUNTRY HAM IN 16 OZ.

PRODUCTS FOR RESTAURANTS AND FOOD SERVICES INCLUDE:

HARPERS HAMTASTIC BUFFET COUNTRY HAM IN 10 LB BOXES

HARPERS HAMTASTIC NO. 2 CENTERS COUNTRY HAM IN BOXES OF VARIOUS WEIGHTS AND NO.1

HARPERS DINNER CUT COUNTRY HAM IN BOXES OF VARIOUS WEIGHTS AND HARPERS BISCUIT SLICES COUNTRY HAM IN BOXES OF VARIOUS WEIGHTS.

FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT 02404 M

HARPER'S COUNTRY HAM

ROUTE 2, BOX 122

CLINTON, KENTUCKY 42031

CONSUMER CONTACT: MIKE MORGAN 270/653-2081

MEDIA CONTACT: BRYAN HARPER, VICE PRESIDENT 270/653-2081

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL GUY F. DELIUS AT 502-564-7181

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SUBJECT: RECALL/GREEN KINGDOM HERBS/NATIONWIDE
FDA

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2000

BAY CITY, MI NOVEMBER 21, 2000. GREEN KINGDOM HERBS IS RECALLING THE FOLLOWING LIQUID EXTRACTS: AKEBIA EXTRACT, STEPHANIA EXTRACT, VIRGINIA SNAKE ROOT EXTRACT, LIGUSTICUM & GREEN TEA FORMULA, LIGUSTICUM & GREEN TEA FORMULA II LIGUSTICUM & GREEN TEA FORMULA III, LIGUSTICUM & GREEN TEA FORMULA IV, LIGUSTICUM & GREEN TEA FORMULA V, WITCH HAZEL FORMULA, AND MINOR BLUE DRAGON FORMULA BECAUSE THEY MAY PRESENT A SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARD TO CONSUMERS. THE AKEBIA EXTRACT AND STEPHANIA EXTRACT CONTAIN ARISTOLOCHIC ACID. THE OTHER PRODUCTS MENTIONED ABOVE MAY CONTAIN ARISTOLOCHIC ACID; A POTENT CARCINOGEN AND NEPHROTOXIN FOUND IN CERTAIN PLANTS AND BOTANICALS. THIS CHEMICAL CAN CAUSE SERIOUS KIDNEY DAMAGE AND THE USE OF PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN ARISTOLOCHIC ACID HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERAL KIDNEY FAILURE. THE USE OF ARISTOLOCHIC ACID-CONTAINING PRODUCTS HAS ALSO BEEN LINKED TO INCREASED RISK OF KIDNEY CANCER IN PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONSUMED IT. THE PRODUCTS ARE LIQUID EXTRACTS PACKAGED IN ONE OUNCE, FOUR OUNCE, AND EIGHT OUNCE GLASS BOTTLES UNDER THE GREEN KINGDOM HERBS LABEL. ALL LOT NUMBERS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS RECALL. THIS VOLUNTARY RECALL IS THE RESULT OF AN FDA ANALYSIS OF OUR AKEBIA EXTRACT AND STEPHANIA EXTRACT, BOTH OF WHICH CONTAINED ARISTOLOCHIC ACID. CONSUMERS ARE URGED TO DISCONTINUE USE OF THESE PRODUCTS AND RETURN THEM TO THE PLACE OF PURCHASE FOR REFUND. CONSUMERS WITH QUESTIONS MAY CONTACT GREEN KINGDOM HERBS, STANTON STREET, BAY CITY, MI 48708 AT 1-877-895-1275.

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